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## Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Office: Texas Service Center

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Petitioner:

Beneficiary:

Petition: Pe

Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and

Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

Self-represented

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. <u>Id</u>.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER, EXAMINATIONS

Terrance M. O'Reilly, Director Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and certified to the Associate Commissioner for Examinations for review. The director's decision to deny the petition will be affirmed and the petition will be denied.

The petitioner engages in the business of oil and gas exploration. It desires to continue the employment of the beneficiary as an administrative assistant for an indefinite period. The director determined that the petitioner did not submit evidence of temporary labor certification (Form ETA 750) from the Department of Labor. The director also determined that the petitioner had not established the need for the services to be performed is temporary. The director certified his decision to the Associate Commissioner for Examinations for review.

The regulations at 214.2(h)(15)(ii)(C) states that:

an extension of stay for the beneficiary of an H-2A or H-2B petition may be authorized for the validity of the labor certification or for a period of one year...The alien's total period of stay as an H-2A or H-2B worker may not exceed three years....

The petitioner is presently requesting an extension of the beneficiary's stay. Absent a new temporary labor certification from the Department of Labor valid for the period of time requested, the petition cannot be approved.

This petition cannot be approved for another reason. The petition indicates that the employment is a one-time occurrence and the temporary need is recurrent annually.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 214.2(h)(6)(ii)(B)(1) states that for the nature of the petitioner's need to be a one-time occurrence, the petitioner must establish that it will not need workers to perform the services or labor in the future.

The petition does not indicate the dates of intended employment for the beneficiary. The petitioner has not shown that the beneficiary's services are a one-time occurrence and will not be needed in the future. The petitioner has not established that the need for the services to be performed is temporary.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. Here, the petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The director's decision to deny the petition will be affirmed. The petition is denied.